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Discharge of the Director of WEB

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But he is not the only guilty one. What about the others?

AFTER many months of deliberations, it seems that yesterday a final decision was reached for the discharge of Ing. Oslin Boekhoudt, as the Director of WEB Aruba N.V.. The reason is that there is no longer a trust in his management. Arguments that were heard in the corridors of the WEB has to do with the way that Hedging was applied and other wrong decisions were taken, costing the company lots of money.

But once it became known that Utilities N.V. discharged Ing. Oslin Boekhoudt, immediately there submerged accusations that he is not the only responsible in the Hedging situation, but there are more people involved like the commission that recommended Hedging, but also the Board of Directors of Utilities N.V., that surely knew about this management.

They must also retire. Also Minister Mike de Meza, even though in the discussions in the Parliament he declared that he does not know anything of the negotiated agreement of Hedging.

For some after the Hedging

situation, an investigation started. This Hedging has caused that the whole community of Aruba to be harmed. Different groups questioned this Hedging where all the 'eggs has been put in the same basket' with all the consequences that today it is costing us millions of dollars. Somebody has to be held responsible of this consequence and the commissioner board decided it to be Ing. Oslin Boekhoudt. Now has the argument been used also that the financial situation of WEB is very difficult in the last periods due to bad management.

If there is bad financial management, it is the same Board of Directors that had been saying that the Government does not want to charge its dividend while Utilities is 'pulling' lots of money of the WEB Aruba N.V. to execute the Congresses on Green Aruba, for which different foreign renown speakers has already been invited.



Electricity

Company.

However, if the decision stayed tied to the Director of WEB alone is still not know because most of the decisions has to do with the financial management of the company. It is still uncertain what will happen with the Financial Director and particularly to the members of the Board of Directors, that also failed in their control. They must not think they can 'wash their hands' so easily. It is a fact that in the last months, Oslin Boekhoudt had confronted many challenges in the company. Not

only the Hedging of the price of fuel turned into disadvantage for the clients, but also the whole water plant and electricity confronted many challenges, partly because of the bad decisions taken by the management.

WEB is now in a serious financial problem, that even the banks denied them a loan due to negative numbers of the National Water and

Varios inside contractors were discharged, others pay their employees late, because WEB was not paying the contractors on time as they used to. Utilities Aruba N.V., owner of WEB Aruba N.V. does not have much information. The Director, Frank Hoevertsz is on a business trip for two weeks.

Last Moment

Yesterday evening, we received a press release, that textually say: During the meeting with accionists of WEB Aruba N.V., held this (yesterday) morning at the Utilities Aruba N.V. Office, in the presence of the Board of Directors of WEB Aruba N.V., Director of WEB, Mr. O.J. Boekhoudt, Directors of Utilities Aruba N.V. and the Commissioner President of Utilities, took the decision to discharge Mr. O.J. Boekhoudt as the Director of WEB as of today (yesterday) 11th of June 2015 and an interim Director has been appointed, Mr. Luis Oduber.

In the coming days there will be more comments, because it is not believable that there is only one guilty party, but there are more, and it depends on them to take honor to themselves and retire, or they will be forced to retire as well.





Complaint of Jan de Ruijter has NO BASE

According to the Public Ministry

THE Public Ministry has recently reached the final decision that the complaint that Mr. Jan de Ruijter made in December 2014 to the Mayor Fiscal, related to supposedly irregularities in the construction project of the Hard Rock Hotel.

This complaint included that Mr. Jan de Ruijter is of the opinion that a 'reward' of the project of the hotel at

'Southwest Horeca Development' was unfair and that corruption and falsification of documents took place.

The complaint was directed against some people, including the Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Minister of Infrastructure, as well as members of the commission of evaluation that decided on the piecework and the Director of Southwest and some others.

The Public Ministry decided not to start a legal investigation against those that De Ruijter made the complaint

about. The Public Ministry based its decision on the conclusions that there is no reasonably suspect of culpability in these persons and none made themselves guilty of the complaint.

From documents that Jan de Ruijter delivered to the Public Ministry and other documents, can not be concluded that there were favors, gifts, promises or services to the Minister of Tourism or any other officials of the Government.

There were no irregularities found in the documents in the selection of those who participated on the piecework or the proposals for the project, neither in the concession of the project of construction at Southwest.

The selection was open and transparent and took place through a commission and independent of evaluation.

There was no evidence of preferential treatment for Southwest. There is no indication either of irregularities of Southwest.

From the documents there is no evidence that there were falsification of documents related to guaranties of the Southwest bank.

The Higher Fiscal and the Fiscal that did the investigation, informed Mr. Jan de Ruijter about this decision. He was also told that he can turn in a complaint against the decision of the Public Ministry at the Superior Court of Justice.

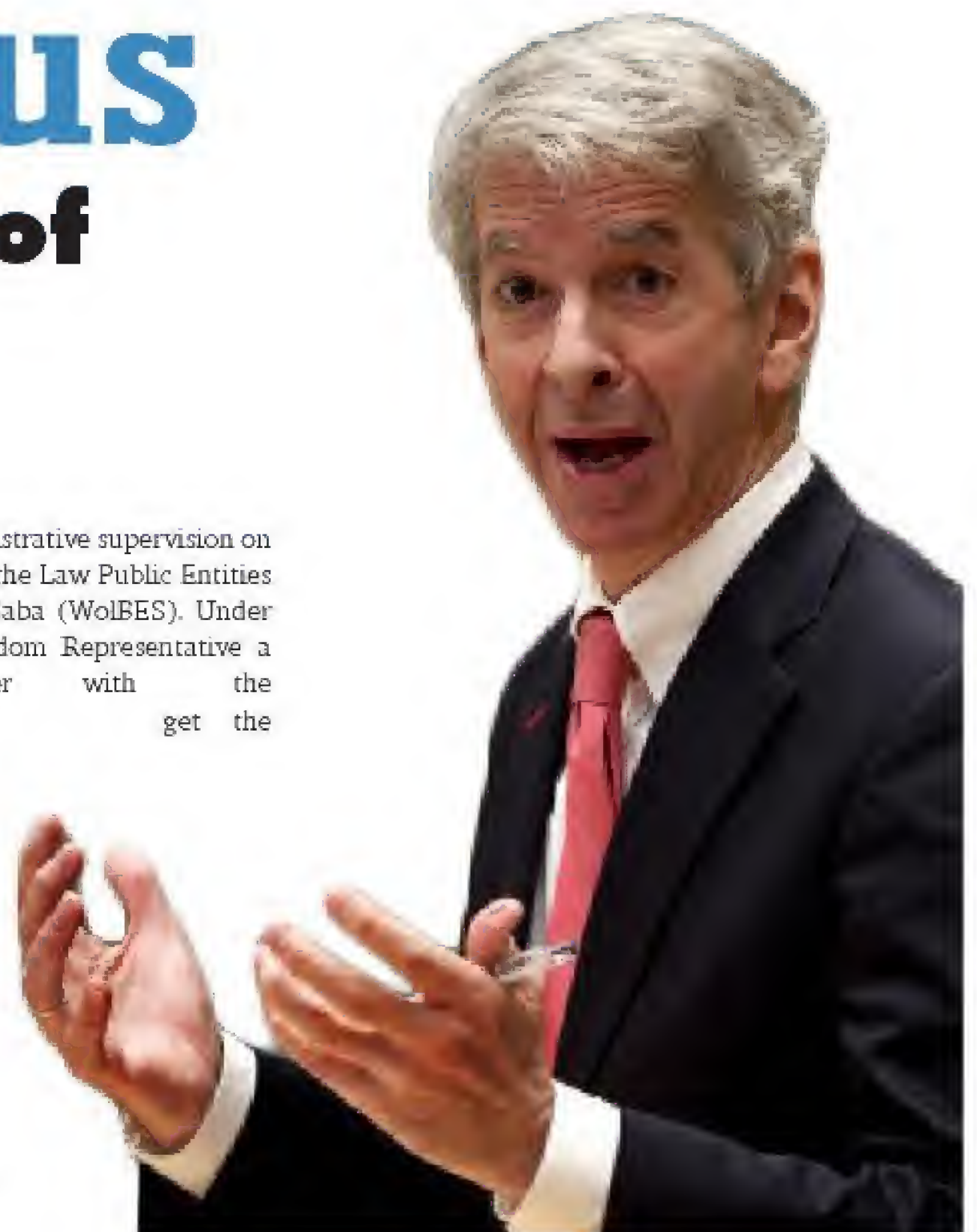
St. Eustatius under supervision of the State

ST. EUSTATIUS will receive an instruction from Minister Plasterk (Interior and Kingdom Relations) to follow-up on the opinions of the College Financial Supervision (CFT) regarding the budget and the financial management. In 2014, the Public Entity St. Eustatius accumulated sizable deficits and also for 2015 the picture is worrisome. Drastic measures are now necessary to get spending under control again. To prevent the budget in the meantime from further deteriorating, there should be no new financial commitments from this point on.

The developments on financial grounds are a result of the administrative dysfunctioning of the island. The quality of public management is at stake. For example, repeatedly appointments are made where there is no basis for it in the budget. The Kingdom Representative has a crucial role to safeguard the quality of the governance. The Kingdom Representative, making use of his legal

powers, will carry out administrative supervision on St. Eustatius. This based on the Law Public Entities Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (WolBES). Under the leadership of the Kingdom Representative a plan will be drafted together with the Executive Council to get the administrative organization in order and back under control.

Good governance and financial stability, in the interests of the well-being of the population, are the purpose of the instruction and the role of the Kingdom Representative



CONGRATULATION to the Portuguese Community

YESTERDAY was a great day for the Portuguese Community here in Aruba where they celebrated the National Day of Portugal. This celebration takes place every year all around the world. And for the last 50 years, has the Portuguese community celebrated this day in Aruba. Through this celebration, the Portuguese community conveys its gratitude to the people of Aruba for how we have received and accepted them for many years.

'The Portuguese Community came and helped us develop our economy for many generations and has accomplished big things in Aruba. The thing I appreciate and respect most in the Portuguese Community is the firmness that they

maintain their culture, and at the same time integrate in our community."

The formal ceremony was very emotional, especially for the recognitions given to those who excelled, but also for the folkloric presentations by the children and youth. This demonstrates the value that the Portuguese Community gives to their culture, even when they are far away from home.

"Congratulations Portuguese Community with this big celebration, and thank you for all that you have done to contribute to the development of our country", concluded Mrs. Evelyn Wever Croes, Leader of the Fraction MEP.





Conscious DISCIPLINE



SOME students of the Special School 'Scol Dun'un Man' received Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar at the schooldoor with gloves on. The gloves are part of a ritual of greeting of the program Conscious Discipline. On each finger of the glove, there is a picture and by choosing one of the fingers, you decide the way you want to be greeted. It can be a smile, a hug, a high five etc.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar visited the School 'Dun'un Man' to deliver some material for the social-emotional development. This is due to the project 'Care Program for Children and Youth Support' as part of the project 'Care Program in Education' that is being financed by the Fondo Desaroyo Aruba (FDA) With this project could the primary schools chose for a social-emotional development of their student and a system to follow the development of the students.

Recently has the requested material for the primary school reached Aruba. The systems of following the students

are digitally and they have already been sent to the schools through email. Materials for the social-emotional programs will be sent in the coming days. The social-emotional program that has been more chosen is the program Conscious Discipline of Loving Guidance.

The material package of Conscious Discipline which the School Dun'un Man received consists of:

- A book for each teacher, with basic information on how to implement the 7 powers to maintain self control and the 7 facilities of Conscious Discipline. It also explains the function of the brain.
- A series of books for children: each book teaches the kids one of the 7 habits and powers that he can use to solve a problem.
- A Job Board: as an instrument that focuses on the ability to encourage.
- Conflict resolution time machine: Which is a mat with certain structures on it? This is to help the children resolve

their

conflicts with each other.

-Safe place poster set: is a visual aid that helps children resolve their own emotions.

-Picture rule cards: teach the children the rules in class.

-7 Posters: each one is a visual of one of the habits of Conscious Discipline.

Upon her visit at the school, the students had shown her the greeting ritual. This ritual focuses on the importance of connecting each day again with the children and shows them that you are happy that they are present. The idea behind this is to create cooperation. The next ritual is the singing of a song that stimulates connection to each

other.

And finally had the children done the final ritual which is the 'smart brain commitment' by expressing that they will do their best. This starts from home to school. The aim is to connect the class and focus on the children on learning. It is known that the brain function optimally when a person feels safe.

The Social-Emotional program of Conscious Discipline runs parallel with the Government Program 2013-2017 which includes the improvement of the quality in teaching and delivers special attention for the welfare of both the teacher and the student.



The Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital **With an active 'diabetic booth' at the Expo Health 2015**

THE dynamic team of the management and personnel of the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital don't just sit and wait for the community to reach them only when they are sick or need some tests done. Regularly through the media, they give information about diseases, treatments and even the procedure and new and innovative projects offered at the hospital.

In case of events that are relevant to the hospital and health care, like Expo Health, Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital embraces these as opportunities to reach the community more. During the weekend of last week, a team of the hospital was very active during the Expo Health at the Renaissance Convention Center with their very attractive booth. They chose the topic of Diabetic.

The hospital dietician, Angelique Salsbach explained that departments that offer services related to diabetes have been included like the Maternity and Delivery Room, Dieticians -for the nutrition part, and the Wound Clinic -to give information on how to prevent wounds.

The nurses who form part of the Diabetic Team of the Hospital and the Dialysis Department were also constantly busy giving crucial information for the Expo Health visitors.

Angelique Salsbach expressed that the participation at events like this and the amount of people that visit the Hospital booth reflex that there is a big necessity for information in our community. These events that are relevant for the hospital and for the health care in general are opportunities that the hospital are taking whole heartily and will continue to maintain the formula working and come up with the next topic for the next events.

Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital is satisfied to have reached the community and given not only treatments or tests, but more importantly, to bring forth the message of prevention of diseases, early diagnostics for a more effective health care and to promote more consciousness for a healthier lifestyle





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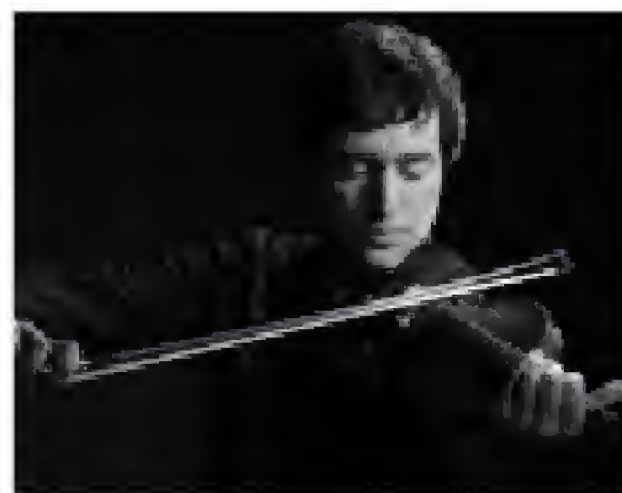
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GLOBAL WELLNESS DAY

June 13th 2015

GLOBAL Wellness Day will be celebrated by hundreds of spas and Hotels in over 45 countries including Ritz-Carlton Spa's / Hotels. In fact, Global Wellness Day promises to be one of the longest celebrations of the year with a sunrise activity in Hawaii kicking off a series of hundreds of events spreading through ALL time zones, finishing at sunset in the Fiji islands... Global Wellness Day is all about inspiring people to try & taste FUN HEALTHY CHOICES!

According to many studies, depression is the most common health problem throughout the world. The problem often manifests itself in sleep deprivation, stress, poor nutrition, inactivity, obesity, heart disease and more. To overcome this problem and lead a healthier and happier life, we need an inspiring beginning. The name of that beginning is Global Wellness Day. Global Wellness Day is celebrated every second Saturday of June, this year the celebration is on June 13th.

Global Wellness Day is a special day that reminds the entire world of the importance of living well, encompassing everything from exercise and beauty treatments, spiritual teachings and ways of thinking, to the harmony between body and spirit. This is a social movement without any commercial purpose, which is celebrated around the world on the second Saturday of June every year. The ladies and gentlemen at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba are very proud to be celebrating this special day for the first time this year and hope you will enjoy and participate too!

This Saturday we celebrate the Global Wellness day for the first time in Aruba. Karin Cofino, Director of the Spa and Myandra Croes, PR & Communications Manager of The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba are the ones behind this event and they are working hard to make this a big event internationally but also to put a trend here in Aruba so we can begin to celebrate the Global Wellness Day here as well.

"We are very excited to do this because nowhere else in Aruba it is celebrated and we really want to make sure that this is something that Aruba can begin to celebrate", said Myandra Croes.

Saturday, there will be different activities at the Ritz-Carlton Aruba starting from 7am with a Yoga Class on the beach. There are also activities planned for the employees. At 5:30 pm everyone will be wearing pink on the event lawn. Pink and Green are the colors of Global Wellness Day.



Agenda for June 13th

RITZ-KIDS, ACTIVITIES & RECREATIONS

Wellness program for kids ages 4-12,
Wellness art class 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Fruits around the pool area during the day
Pink lemonade

CASINO

Non-Smoking Casino for a day
Healthy snacks during Bingo time
Pink Lemonade for our guests, L&G
Whole day healthy snacks

DIVI BAR

Mixology Class at Divi Bar, with healthy fruits between 5 p.m.-6 p.m.
Pink Champagne at check-in

MADERO

Smoothies around pool and beach at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Wellness Salad with miso poached fish

SPA

Massage Special
Hair-Salon 25% discount
Free foot or Hand ritual in the Spa between 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Make your own sugar scrub with our Salt of the Earth scrub bar \$25 between 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Chair Massage on pool deck between 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

GYM

Sunrise Yoga Class 7 a.m., event lawn
Malmok Power walk 9 a.m.
Sunset Yoga Class 6 p.m., event lawn

GWD CLOSING

The day will end at 7 p.m. at the fire pit. Guests are able to write their wish on a stone, which can be kept as a reminder of this special

China's former security chief SENTENCED to LIFE for CORRUPTION



CHINA'S former security chief Zhou Yongkang was sentenced to life in prison on corruption charges Thursday, following a closed-door trial.

Zhou, 72, a former member of the ruling Communist Party's Politburo Standing Committee — the party's top echelon of power — is the highest-ranking official to face charges in President Xi Jinping's ongoing anti-corruption campaign.

The state-run Xinhua News Agency said Zhou pleaded guilty and will not appeal. His personal assets were also confiscated. "I've realized the harm I've caused to the party and the people.

I plead guilty and I regret my crimes," he said in footage broadcast on state television.

The First Intermediate People's Court of Tianjin ruled that Zhou accepted bribes of about \$21 million, abused his power and deliberately disclosed state secrets, Xinhua reported. It added that the court said he took advantage of his position to seek profits for five people. His wife and son accepted money and property worth around \$20 million.

Xinhua reported that Zhou also used his position to help others illegally obtain about \$343 million in business

deals that caused \$229 million in losses to the state.

Before he retired in 2012, Zhou — who has also held senior positions in the state-run oil sector and southwest Sichuan province — oversaw a significant expansion in the security operation, as Chinese authorities targeted those considered a threat to the Communist Party's hold on power.

Xinhua previously reported that Zhou, who was arrested and expelled from the party in 2014, "committed adultery with a number of women and traded

his power for sex and money," which are not criminal offenses in China.

A statement from the court said Zhou took "particularly huge bribes," but confessed, pleaded guilty and was sorry for his actions, Xinhua reported. The news agency added that most of the money was accepted by Zhou's family members without his knowledge, and that he had asked them to return it.

The court said all the gifts and cash have been recovered, which constitutes "legal and discretionary grounds for lesser punishment," according to Xinhua.



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Michelle Kwan Joins Hillary Clinton's Presidential Campaign

AMERICA'S most beloved and most decorated figure skater, Michelle Kwan, who won nine U.S. championships, five world championships, and silver and bronze Olympic medals, has signed on to work with Hillary Clinton's Presidential campaign. Kwan confirmed the move with a tweet yesterday. According to the New York Times, Kwan will work from Clinton's Brooklyn headquarters on campaign outreach and voter engagement, focusing on issues critical to working families.

Kwan has a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University and has served in the U.S. State Department under Secretary of State Condoleezza

Rice as America's first Public Diplomacy Envoy. She was appointed by President Obama to the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition and has worked in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Related: Meet Chloe Chik, the Student in Hillary Clinton's 2016 Video

Kwan joins another prominent Asian American on Clinton's presidential campaign, Maya Harris, who was recently appointed to lead a team of three senior policy advisors in the development of Clinton's policy agenda. Harris is a law professor, a former senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, and the sister of California Attorney General Kamala Harris.

After 199 Days in Orbit,

Space Station Trio Comes
Back Down to Earth



A NASA astronaut, a Russian cosmonaut and a record-setting Italian spaceflieger left the International Space Station and landed back on Thursday after spending a longer-than-expected 199 days in orbit.

NASA's Terry Virts, Russia's Anton Shkaplerov and Italy's Samantha Cristoforetti sailed away in a Russian Soyuz space capsule right on time, at 6:20 a.m. ET, as part of a regular crew changeover. They touched down amid the steppes of Kazakhstan at 9:44 a.m. ET on Thursday.

"It was a textbook homecoming," NASA commentator Rob Navias said. After the landing, the three crew members were helped out of the capsule and set down in chairs to adjust to Earth's gravity. "I feel really good," Virts told the recovery team. "A cold water would be nice."

The spacefliegers were taken to a medical tent for checkups, and within days they'll be back in their respective homes. The trio's return was delayed for nearly a month due to concerns raised by the

failure of a Russian Soyuz rocket in April, which sent a robotic Progress craft into a faulty orbit. The Russians didn't want to proceed with the changeover until they finished their investigation and successfully sent up another Soyuz rocket. That happened last week.

The next three spacefliegers are now scheduled to launch in another Soyuz

capsule on July 24. The delay kept Cristoforetti in orbit long enough to set a space endurance record for women astronauts, surpassing the 195-day mark set by NASA's Sunita Williams in 2007. The record for male astronauts is 437.7 days, set by Soviet cosmonaut Valery Polyakov in 1995.

Three other astronauts remain on duty on the station: the outpost's new commander, Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka; and Russia's Mikhail Kornienko and NASA's Scott Kelly, who are in the midst of a nearly yearlong stay in orbit.

9 Ways to QUIT SUGAR for Good

City nutritionist.

2. Cut this kind of sugar

The sugar offender to steer clear of is refined white sugar, the kind spooned into coffee or added to baked goods. The bloodstream absorbs this simple sugar quickly, causing surges in blood glucose levels and insulin that can wreak havoc on the body, says Avena. Refined sugar is also added to countless food products during processing, from ketchup to bread to salad dressing to beef jerky. Manufacturers try to trick

nutrients mitigate sugar's harmful effect."

4. Artificial isn't the answer

Swapping out sugar in favor of a chemical sweetener like aspartame or saccharin may not be the answer. "Artificial sweeteners provide sweet taste without calories, so when you consume these products, hunger isn't satisfied, leading you to crave more afterward," says Kohn. A 2013 study in *Trends in Endocrinology & Metabolism* lends credence to this, finding that drinking just one diet soda a day is linked to weight gain and diabetes. Why do chemical sweeteners boost hunger? It's not clear, but it might have to do with the intensity of the sweetness in these products. Artificial sweeteners are many times sweeter than natural sugar, and that can dull your taste buds to less intensely sweet foods such as fruit, ramping up cravings for high-sugar—and high-calorie—foods, says Kohn.

5. Don't go cold turkey

Because our bodies are so used to the sweet stuff, going sugar-free very abruptly can lead to crazy-intense withdrawal symptoms such as headaches, anxiety, and mood swings, says Kohn. Ever gone without your usual morning latte or other caffeine fix? That's what sugar withdrawal is like, times 10. "It's better to ease yourself off it slowly by taking one step at a time, so your body has time to adjust," says Kohn. Another reason to not be in a rush: slower changes tend to last, especially when it comes to diet changes.

6. Give up sugary drinks

Soda, fruit juice, sports drinks, iced tea—these and other sweetened beverages are sneaky sources of added sugar. One can of cola, for example, contains nine teaspoons, already a third more than the six teaspoon daily limit suggested by the American Heart Association.

Sweetened beverages or drinks made from fruit juice are like liquid sugar, and they add lots of calories without satisfying hunger. It is suggested to substitute soda for seltzer, which has no added sugar and zero calories. As for fruit-flavored beverages and fruit juice, sub in fruit-infused bottled water or water with fresh fruit slices added to it.

3. Sweets you can eat

The types of sugar you don't have to ditch are found naturally in foods, such as fructose in fruit and lactose in milk products. These get a pass as long as you consume them in their original food form. "Fruit, for instance, contains an amount of sugar that is in better proportion with the amount of fiber and other nutrients in it. These other

That doesn't seem like much, but it can pack on hundreds of calories without offering any nutritional value. Extra calories raise your risk of obesity, which in turn sets you up for diabetes. A 2013 study found that for every 150 calories of added sugar consumed in a population—the equivalent of one can of soda—diabetes prevalence in the population went up 1.1%. Then there's the research tying sugar to heart disease. A 2014 study from *JAMA: Internal Medicine* found that the more added sugar a person took in, the higher their odds of dying of heart disease. Don't forget about the way sugar plays with blood glucose levels, sending them surging, then crashing—leaving you fatigued, brain fogged, and irritable, says Brittany Kohn, RD, a New York

SUGAR

out of sight is also out of mind

Here's a shocker: the average person takes in 22 teaspoons of sugar daily—more than three times the amount suggested by the American Heart Association. And although it has never been considered a health food, new evidence shows sugar can do even more damage than previously thought, setting you up for obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. But weaning yourself off sugar can be daunting. It's tough to dodge because it hides in so many foods, and provides an addictive buzz, due to a surge of the neurotransmitter dopamine after it enters the body. Still, removing sugar is worth trying. Find out all about sugar rehab, plus tactics to make your commitment stick.

1. The dangers of sweet stuff
Sugar has 16 calories per teaspoon.



Lord of the Rings Actor

Christopher Lee

Dies at 93



THE actor had been in over 250 films and television productions

The Lord of Rings actor Christopher Lee has died in London, it emerged on Thursday.

Lee died on Sunday morning at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in London, after being admitted for heart failure and respiratory problems. Lee's wife Birgit Kroencke, who had been married to the veteran actor for 50 years, wanted to inform family members before releasing the news to the public.

For 67 years the actor played a host of iconic and dark characters like Count Dracula, Lord Summerisle in The Wicker Man and most recently, Saruman the White in Peter Jackson's Lord of The Rings trilogy and The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies.

On top of his prolific film career, the 6ft 5in actor had also released a series of heavy metal albums, garnered several Guinness World Records, like 'The Tallest Leading Actor,' and was knighted by Prince Charles in 2009 for services to drama and charity.

Prison Worker

Joyce Mitchell

Planned to Be Getaway Driver



JOYCE Mitchell, the New York prison worker being questioned in the escape of two murderers, was charmed by one of the inmates and planned to be their getaway driver until she got cold feet, stated sources familiar with the case. One of the inmates, Richard Matt, established a relationship with Mitchell over a couple of months, the sources said. "She thought it was love," one said.

Instead of being the getaway driver, Mitchell went to the hospital and checked herself in, the sources said. Mitchell checked in on Saturday, the

day the inmates were reported missing, with "a case of nerves."

Authorities in New York, Vermont and elsewhere were still searching on Thursday for Matt and David Sweat, who cut through the steel walls of their cells, crawled through a pipe and emerged from a manhole near the prison.

Mitchell works in the tailor shop at the prison, Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, New York. On Wednesday, the superintendent of the New York state police said that she had "befriended" the inmates.

Her son, Tobey, said that his mother

never would have helped the two escape. "She is not the kind of person that's going to risk her life or other people's lives to let these guys escape from prison," he said.

Asked whether his mother might have been taken advantage of, he said: "I don't know. I mean, they both are convicted murderers. I mean, you have an inmate that is in prison for life, you really don't have anything to lose."

As the hunt entered its sixth day on Thursday, a state road near the prison

was

closed,

and at least

one helicopter

hovered nearby. Authorities warned a day earlier that the escapees might have headed for Vermont, and Canadian authorities were expanding their search.

Matt, 48, was doing 25 years to life for killing a businessman for whom he had worked. Sweat, 34, was sentenced to life without parole for the 2002 killing of a sheriff's deputy.

Apple Store employees tell Tim Cook:

We're treated like 'CRIMINALS'



AN Apple Store employee told Tim Cook that the company treats its staff like "criminals."

That's according to a recently unsealed e-mail that is part of a lawsuit filed against Apple in 2013. The suit, filed in federal court in California, alleges that Apple Store employees were not paid wages for time spent waiting while managers checked the workers' personal bags for stolen iGizmos before they left the store.

In an e-mail sent on April 2, 2012, with the subject line «Fearless Feedback from Apple Retail Specialist,» an unnamed employee told Cook that the bag check policies are «both insulting and demeaning to Apple employees. The employee said Apple Store employees are issued a card with the serial numbers of all their personal Apple devices. Managers ask employees to present their iPhones and cards when they leave, and then they perform a bag check -- often in front of «gawking customers.

«These procedures imply that Apple doesn't trust or respect their employees,» the person wrote. «Managers are required to treat «valued» employees as criminals.»

When Cook received the e-mail from the Apple Store employee, he forwarded it to the executives in charge of retail and HR, asking, «Is this true?»

The court did not unseal Cook's reply to the Apple Store employee's email or the executive team's

response to Cook.

In another email to Cook, sent on January 28, 2013, a Beijing Apple Store employee said, «Apple treats employees as animals.» The unnamed employee noted that the Xidan Joy City Apple Store in China's capital city has an emergency exit that's blocked by Apple products. The person also complained about the bag check policy in the email.

After being forwarded the email from Cook, HR chief Denise Young Smith wrote to Apple's strategies head Carol Monkowski that the company should think about changing its policy.

«I don't like that practice either, but I do understand why they believe it's necessary,» Young wrote. «I'd like to explore other options, i.e., random checks like TSA. If it is simply a deterrent, there has to be a more intelligent and respectful way to approach.

Smith proposed suspending the policy for three to six months and to track how many more products were stolen during that time period. Monkowski replied that a review of the store's practices seemed prudent. Apple still performs bag checks, but it's unclear if Apple ever actually changed its official policy. An Apple spokeswoman did not respond to a request for comment.

In the lawsuit, two former Apple store employees claim that the bag checks were performed after clocking out. Some days the wait was longer than five or ten minutes, which added up to \$1,500 in unpaid wages per year for one worker. Apple Store employees typically make between \$12 and \$18 per hour. Apple also faces a separate class action lawsuit from retail employees who say they were denied meal breaks and rest periods in violation of California labor law. Among other things, the lawsuit claims Apple employees were forced to work for stretches of five hours or more without meals, and they didn't get breaks on shorter shifts.

As part of that lawsuit, the Apple Store employees complained that the company restricts them from talking about Apple's labor conditions with one another, allowing the company to «invoke fear into the class members that if they so much as discuss the various labor policies, they run the risk of being fired, sued or disciplined.



Carl Froch believes

Amir Khan 'stands NO chance'

if he takes on Floyd Mayweather



FORMER super-middleweight world champion Carl Froch does not believe compatriot Amir Khan is the man to spoil Floyd Mayweather's flawless record. Khan, a former world light-welterweight champion, has been pushing for a big-money fight with the 38-year-old American and is hoping recent points victories over Devon Alexander and Chris Algieri can land him his shot.

But Froch is adamant that Khan's previous defeats to Breidis Prescott, Danny Garcia and Lamont Peterson prove he would suffer the same fate as every other fighter who has tried to topple the WBA (super), WBC and WBO world welterweight champion. In an interview with Lonsdale, he said: "I don't think he's good enough.

"I don't think there's anybody out there who is. That's no disrespect to Amir Khan but when he steps up, he gets beaten. People think I'm having a go at him, but I'm not.

"You can't put somebody like Khan, who's been beaten by three people, up against Mayweather. "He got knocked out by Prescott and Garcia and Peterson had him down. If you're losing to that level of fighter, you can't put him up against Floyd Mayweather and expect him to win."But a fight is a fight. It's interesting, but I don't think he will stand a chance."

Many are hoping Khan will return to England for a fight with domestic rival and current IBF king Kell Brook, while three-weight world champion Adrien Broner has also called out the Olympic silver medallist ahead of a bout with Shawn Porter.

Brazil legend Zico wants to stand for FIFA PRESIDENCY

BRAZILIAN great Zico is the latest former professional footballer intent on succeeding FIFA president Sepp Blatter.

Frenchman David Ginola and Portugal's Luis Figo both threw their hats into the ring ahead of last month's presidential election, only to both ultimately pull out of the race.

Blatter went on to be re-elected for a fifth term, before announcing his resignation following the launch of separate investigations by the U.S. and Swiss authorities into alleged corruption within FIFA.

The election of Blatter's successor is believed to be set for December, and former Brazil

star Zico, whose full name is Arthur Antunes Coimbra, wants to shake up the way world football is run.

"I would like to confirm the decision to be a candidate," Zico told a news conference in Rio de Janeiro. "I feel I am capable. For sure, certain rules need to change. 'It's sad for our sport to see what is happening in football today -- the corruption... and the hard work of many other good people wasted.

"I see it as my duty to use my experience and knowledge to try and stand for the presidency."

Former France international Ginola, whose bid was controversially backed by betting company Paddy Power, withdrew from the presidential race in January after failing to receive the backing of five football federations required to stand in the election.

The 48-year-old Ginola, however, has said in the wake of Blatter's resignation that he wants to put himself forward once again.

Ex-Portugal captain Figo, meanwhile, pulled out just a week before the election, referring to the process as "a plebiscite for the delivery of absolute power to one man -- something I refuse to go along with."

Zico, who represented his nation at three World Cups but

never won the competition, admits he may also struggle to gather enough support like his fellow ex-professionals. "That need to have five federations behind you, I think that is where the corruption starts," said the Brazilian.

"Of course, changes in the rules of the game would be necessary. Mainly because with the rules in place now there isn't the slightest possibility of being elected." Zico has little administrative experience in the world of football but said it was after speaking to Figo that he decided to stand for the role of FIFA president.

"I was asked if I had talked with Figo about his being a candidate for FIFA," he said. "I said I had and that set me thinking."

Considered one of Brazil's greatest ever players, Zico played most of his club football with Brazilian side Flamengo, before moving to play in Italy and Japan. The 62-year-old has also coached all over the world, taking charge of the Japan and Iraq national teams as well as the likes of Turkish side Fenerbahce and Russian club CSKA Moscow. Emirates 'glad'

Emirates CEO Tim Clark has also spoken out about his company's decision not to renew its sponsorship deal with FIFA in November.

Clark said Emirates chose not to renew with FIFA because the commercial terms were not right, but added it could make a U-turn when Blatter departs and "if things are sorted out in FIFA."

"We are glad we're not in the space at the moment because of the fallout over the last few weeks," Clark stated.

"It is a big pity, the big loser of course is football. Let's hope we can get it back onto some kind of track, it becomes the beautiful sport that it is, the sponsors are back in competing against each other to get on the tournament, because it is a hugely competitive battle to get that kind of exposure, but it's worth it."

A number of current FIFA sponsors have warned the governing body to clean up its act in light of the corruption scandal, while Sony last week demanded an investigation into allegations over the controversial awarding of the 2022 World Cup to Qatar.





WWE legend Dusty Rhodes dies at age 69



VIRGIL Runnels, better known as WWE legend Dusty Rhodes, died on Thursday at the age of 69. The cause of death was not immediately available. "WWE extends its sincerest condolences to Runnels' family, friends and colleagues," the pro wrestling promotion said in a statement on Thursday.

Runnels, who was working with the company as a creative consultant at the time of his death, last wrestled with the promotion in 2007 when he lost to Randy Orton at the Great America Bash. However, he's been in several story lines since then, including one earlier this year with his real-life sons, Cody Runnels and Dustin Runnels, who wrestle under the names Cody Rhodes/Stardust and Goldust, respectively.

Runnels began his pro wrestling career in the 1970s when he performed in various pro wrestling leagues around the country, but he reached peak fame after taking on the persona of Dusty Rhodes, aka the "American Dream."

In an interview with The Two Man Power Trip of Wrestling Podcast (viaWrestleZone.com) earlier this week, Rhodes reminisced about his early days wrestling under his most famous persona in Florida. "When I became 'The American Dream' they needed a hero down here," he said. "I had no money. I couldn't buy a car without being tied under but I had to have a Cadillac with blue stars on the hood no matter what it cost because just driving in it will set how they look at me and perceive this guy." Then by 1989, Rhodes was practically a household name. That's when he signed with WWE (then known as WWF) and began wearing his famous yellow and black polka-dot ensemble.

Runnels's larger-than-life presence, zealous promotions and rampant blading, which often left him covered in blood in the ring before WWE decided to rebrand itself as PG, made him a fan favorite and on March 31, 2007, Runnels was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame by his two wrestling sons. On Thursday, the pro wrestling community took to social media to remember one of the best and express their condolences to Runnels' friends and family.